

IN THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 7. This sheet, which includes Fig. 7, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 7.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet (1)

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 5-7 and 10 are presently pending in this application, Claims 1, 8 and 9 having been canceled by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, the drawings were objected to because of informalities; Claims 1-4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over JP 10-339136 (hereinafter “JP ‘136”); and Claims 1, 8 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over JP 61-043928 (hereinafter “JP ‘928”). However, Claims 5-7 and 10 were indicated as allowed.

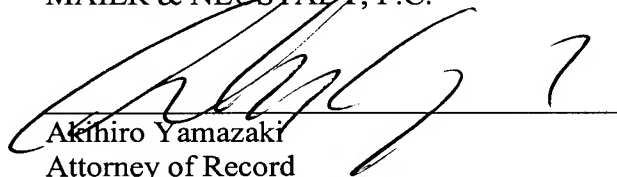
First, Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication that Claims 5-7 and 10 have been allowed. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that Claims 1, 8 and 9 be canceled without prejudice.

In response to the objection to the drawings, submitted herewith is a separate LETTER SUBMITTING REPLACEMENT DRAWING SHEET(S), submitting for approval changes to Figure 7. Specifically, Figure 7 has been amended to designate a legend “Prior Art” as required by the Examiner.

In light of the prior indication of allowable claims and in view of the amendments presented above, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance, and an early action favorable to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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